



Public Service Announcement for Radio

Hi, my name is [Name], with a few words on protecting your drinking water.

Consider the source!

Get to know the source of your drinking water, and get involved in activities to protect it. Drinking water source protection is a low-cost means to preserving the safety of a vital resource. Here are a few simple things you can do to help keep pollution out of the river, lake, stream, or aquifer that is your drinking water source:

- Take used motor oil to a recycling center. If you let it drain into a storm sewer or bury it in the trash, it can leak into lakes, rivers, and wells. Just one pint of used motor oil can expand over great distances, and potentially harm human health and the environment.
- Properly dispose of toxic household trash. For example, batteries contain lead and mercury. Some household cleaners also contain substances that contaminate water. Many communities have special collection sites for these items.
- Do not dispose of chemicals such as paints, cleaning products, and pesticides into septic systems, dry wells, stormwater drainage wells, or other shallow disposal systems that discharge to groundwater.
- Properly install and maintain septic systems. Be sure to inspect them regularly and pump them out when necessary.
- Find out what your community is doing to protect your water source and get involved. Work with schools, civic groups, and others to start a protection program.

Safe drinking water is everyone's responsibility.

For more information, contact your local water utility at [Contact information] or your state health or environmental department at [Contact information]. Together, we can all make a difference.

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